

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 9 to 14.

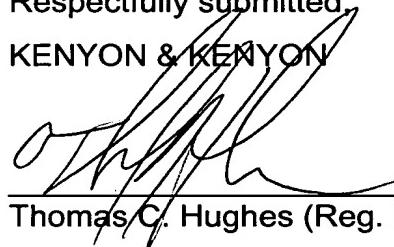
An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

FEES

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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